

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: January 19, 1962

FROM : C. A. Evans

SUBJECT: WIRE TAPPING LEGISLATION

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Belmont ✓
Mohr ✓
DeLoach ✓
Evans ✓
Malone ✓
Rosen ✓
Sullivan ✓
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Late yesterday afternoon, January 18, 1962, the Attorney General conferred with Phil Graham and Russ Wiggins of the "Washington Post." In addition, another representative of the paper by the name of Barth attended the meeting in the Attorney General's office. The purpose of this meeting, which lasted for almost an hour and was attended by Deputy Attorney General White and Assistant Attorney General Miller, was to try and convince the "Washington Post" representatives as to the desirability of the Department's proposed wire tap statute.

Assistant Attorney General Miller advised that at the conclusion of the meeting, he was instructed to confer further with the "Washington Post" representatives. He said he would really like to "hit the 'Post' hard," because of their completely unreasonable and biased viewpoint, but he didn't know whether he could get his hands on enough ammunition to do this. He said he was going to try.

"This appears to have been another example of the Attorney General's policy of talking with the enemy. How any good can come from such a conference with the "Washington Post" is beyond my comprehension.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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